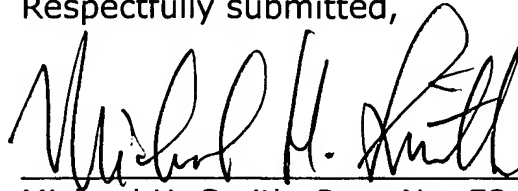


### **REMARKS**

This is intended to be a complete response to the Official Action mailed December 2, 2004, in which claim 23 was rejected. Claim 23 has been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully suggest the claims are now in a condition for allowance and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

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